

Comparison of Declaration of Independence and the Declaration of Sentiments

Directions: Read the preamble (opening) of both the Declaration of Independence and the Declaration of Sentiments, and scan through the list of abuses each explains. Using the information in them, answer the questions that follow.

[Declaration of Independence, 1776](#)

[Declaration of Sentiments, 1848](#)

1. What is the Declaration of Independence trying to say in its opening?
2. What is the Declaration of Sentiments trying to say in its opening?
3. What differences are there between the two documents in their openings (hint: work with someone, and read the openings in unison to see where differences lie)?
4. Describe a few examples of how the Declaration of Independence claims the King of Great Britain has repeatedly harmed the colonies and denied their “unalienable rights.”
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. Describe a few examples of how the Declaration of Sentiments claims “The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her.” Find examples that deal with the following:

Voting and forming of laws:

Property rights:

In matters of divorce:

In education: